

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 20 and 21 and please add new claims 22 and 23 as follows:

1. (Original) A method of making a decorative item, comprising:

- providing a transparent substrate;
- providing a portion of decorative material large enough to cover one side of the transparent substrate;
- applying a water-based sealant and adhesive to at least one side of the material;
- adhering the material with the adhesive to a bottom side of the transparent substrate, so as to be visible through the substrate;
- applying a transparent, glossy, resilient coating material over the bottom of the substrate with the decorative material adhered in place;
- allowing the coating material to cure; and
- executing at least one operation to smooth an edge of the substrate which meets an edge of the material and an edge of the coating material

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein after applying and finishing the resilient coating material, the decorative material appears to be substantially integral with the substrate.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein after applying and finishing the coating material, a resulting assembly is waterproof for purposes of washing by hand.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising after applying the adhesive to the material, sprinkling glitter on the material before it is adhered to the substrate.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising turning the material over and applying a water-

based sealant and adhesive to a second side of the material, and wherein the material is then adhered to the substrate.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein after adhering the material with the adhesive to the substrate, trimming the material around an edge of the substrate; and smoothing the edge of the substrate where the material was trimmed.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the operation to smooth the edge further comprises trimming the edge of the assembly with a cutting instrument after the coating material has cured.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein after the coating material has cured, heat is applied to remove any bubbles formed in the coating material.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein after the coating material has cured, a resulting product is soaked in a warm bath of water.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the decorative material is fabric or paper.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the decorative material is a bandana.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the substrate is substantially colorless glass.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the coating material is substantially colorless.

14. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the substrate is an item of dinnerware.

15. (Original) A product comprising:  
a transparent substrate;  
a portion of decorative material adhered to a bottom side of the transparent substrate to be seen therethrough;  
an adhesive soaked into the decorative material to adhere and seal the decorative material to the bottom side of the transparent substrate;  
a coating material of transparent, glossy, resilient material, disposed over the decorative material on the bottom side of the substrate which renders the product substantially waterproof in hand washing operations; and  
wherein the decorative material appears to be substantially integral with the substrate when viewed through the transparent substrate.

16. (Original) The product of claim 15, wherein the decorative material is fabric or paper.

17. (Original) The product of claim 15, further comprising glitter material disposed on an upwardly facing side of the decorative material so as to be seen through the transparent substrate.

18. (Original) The product of claim 15, wherein the decorative material is a bandana.

19. (Original) The product of claim 15, wherein the substrate is an item of dinnerware.

20. (Currently amended) The ~~method~~ product of claim 15, wherein the substrate is substantially colorless glass.

21. (Currently amended) The ~~method~~ product of claim 15, wherein the coating material is substantially colorless.

22. (New) The product of claim 15, wherein the coating comprises two layers of transparent, glossy, resilient material, disposed over the decorative material on the bottom side of the substrate.

23. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising applying a second coating of transparent, glossy, resilient material over the bottom of the substrate with the decorative material adhered in place; and allowing the coating material to cure.